

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0977

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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AMEMBASSY DOHA

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AMEMBASSY SANAA

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMEMBASSY LONDON

S E C R E T JIDDA 2794

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SA

SUBJECT: YAMANI TO HEAD COMMITTEE SET UP TO REVIEW SAUDI LAWS

1. AHMED ZAKI YAMANI, SAUDI MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY KING KHALID THROUGH PRINCE FAHD TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO "REVIEW" SAUDI LAWS WHICH ARE NO LONGER PERTINENT IN THE KINGDOM. THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF HISHAM NAZER, MINISTER OF PLANNING; PRINCE SAUD, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS; MINISTER JAMIL HUJAILAN, MINISTER OF HEALTH; AND SALEH AL-HUSAYYIN, LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE COURT.

2. ACCORDING TO YAMANI, THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN SECRET

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DISCUSSED FOR QUITE SOME TIME. A NUMBER OF

LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS GO BACK MANY YEARS.  
SOME OF THEM ARE ENFORCED ERRATICALLY INTER-  
FERE WITH THE SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF THE KINGDOM.  
OTHERS ARE ENFORCED RIGOROUSLY WITH EVEN MORE  
UNFORTUNATE RESULTS AND SOME ARE IGNORED. ALL  
OF THESE ANACHRONISMS SHOULD BE AMENDED OR  
REPEALED.

3. YAMANI THINKS THIS WILL BE A PERMANENT COM-  
MITTEE. ITS FIRST DECISIONS SHOULD BE MADE IN  
THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO.  
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